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1. A reorganization of the Hauptverwaltung für Ausbildung has been ordered, [redacted] It provides for a reduction in the number of Bereitschaften to 24 each of which will have a strength of 1,800 men. These units will contain elements of the former A, B, C, and D Objekte: infantry, artillery, armored force, engineers and signals.\*
2. [redacted] large-scale transfers of personnel are taking place; these include the removal of many men from the schools and their dispersal among the new Bereitschaften. For example, the former "C" Bereitschaft at Grossenhain has been split up into ten groups of 100 men each and distributed among the new Bereitschaften. Only 100 men of the original unit remain at Grossenhain to be absorbed into a newly created Bereitschaft composed of all branches of service. The signals Bereitschaft at Kochstedt has supplied 25 men each to most of the new Bereitschaften.
3. The locations of the new Bereitschaften are as follows:
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|------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Prora         | 13. Frankenberg            |
| 2. Rostock       | 14. Löbau                  |
| 3. Sternbuchholz | 15. Zittau                 |
| 4. Eggesin       | 16. Leipzig                |
| 5. Prenzlaw      | 17. Leipzig                |
| 6. Burg          | 18. Halle (completely new) |
| 7. Hohenstücken  | 19. Gera                   |
| 8. Torgau        | 20. Erfurt (auf der Henne) |
| 9. Kochstedt     | 21. Gotha                  |
| 10. Quedlinburg  | 22. Mühlhausen             |
| 11. Grossenhain  | 23. Meiningen              |
| 12. Zeithain     | 24. Weissenfels            |
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## 4. Schools will now be located as follows:

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|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Berlin (Polit-Kultur) | 6. Primerwald (C)              |
| 2. Glöwen                | 7. Kietz (B)                   |
| 3. Döbeln (A)            | 8. Pirna (Signals)             |
| 4. Naumburg (A)          | 9. Kochstedt (Higher Officers) |
| 5. Erfurt-Petersberg (A) |                                |

## 5. There will also be the following specialized schools:

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|-----------------------------|--|
| 1. Appollensdorf (Vehicles) | 3. Leipzig (Interpreters); to be moved later to Weimar-Holzsdorf |
| 2. Döberlug (Ordnance)      | 4. Potsdam, Stalinallce (HPK - Hithere Polit-Kultur)             |

## 6. Recent personnel assignments:

Chefinspekteur Bernhard Bechler, second deputy and chief of staff, vice Heitsch.  
 Inspekteur Reihe, "general deputy", vice Hans Jutz.  
 Inspekteur Göringer, Hauptabteilung Stab, vice Erwin Englebrecht.  
 Inspekteur Reimann, Communications, vice Rudolf Möller.  
 Inspekteur Miltenberger, deputy to Chefinspekteur Hans von Weech.  
 Inspekteur Jona, chief of Training Section, vice Borufka.  
 Inspekteur Paul Markgraf, commanding the Bereitschaft at Prenzlau.  
 Inspekteur Richard Stainer, commanding Bereitschaft 1 at Leipzig.  
 Inspekteur Walner (formerly Generalinspekteur in the HVDVP), commanding the Bereitschaft at Hohenstücken.  
 Inspekteur Hermann Rentsch, commanding the Bereitschaft at Frankenberg.  
 Inspekteur Pils, commanding the Bereitschaft at Prora.

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## 7. Chief Inspectors Heinrich Heitsch, Helmut Borufka, and Fritz Köhn will attend a training course in the Soviet Union, [REDACTED]

## 8. Chief Inspector Heinz Zorn and Inspector Alter have taken up their duties with Hauptverwaltung Luft. Their organization is to be fully developed by [REDACTED] airfields for its use are being prepared at high pressure at Johannisthal and Halle.

\* [REDACTED] Comment: The Bereitschaften are emerging as the nuclei of future army divisions.

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The following is an elaboration of

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1. In accordance with the reorganization of the HVA, only 24 Volkspolizei Bereitschaften (VPB's) will exist. Each VPB is to consist of 1000 effectives and will include elements of the former A, B, C, and D Objekte, containing units of infantry, artillery, armor, mortar, engineers and communications. In their new form, the reorganized VPBs appear to be emerging as the nucleus of future army divisions.\*
  2. many personnel transfers occurred, including the removal of trainees from a number of schools and their assignment to the new VPBs. Typical of these moves was the transfer of groups of officers and men from Prora to Muehlhausen and from Zittau to Grossenhain, Doebeln, etc. These inter-unit transfers have been so numerous that representation from almost every location is now to be found in any individual VPB.\*\*
  3. The former "C" Bereitschaft Grossenhain provides a good example of the breakup of the original Objekte. The Grossenhain Bereitschaft numbered 1,000 men, but it has now been split into 10 groups of 100 each, nine of which groups have been distributed among the new VPBs. Only 100 men of the original unit remain in Grossenhain and these are to be absorbed into a newly activated VPB composed of all elements. Artillery and engineer units have been dissolved in the same manner, while the communications Bereitschaft in Kochstedt has supplied groups of 25 men to most of the new Bereitschaften.
  4. The locations of the new VPBs are given as follows:

1) Prora (formerly a VP School)	4) Eggesin
2) Rostock (formerly a VP School)	5) Prenzlau
3) Sternbuchholz	6) Burg
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| 7) Hohenstuecken  | 16) Leipzig                             |
| 8) Torgau   | 17) Leipzig (VPBs 1 and 2)              |
| 9) Kochstedt  | 18) Halle (completely new Bereitschaft) |
| 10) Quedlinburg   | 19) Gera                                |
| 11) Grossenhain   | 20) Erfurt (auf der Henne)              |
| 12) Zeithain  | 21) Gotha                               |
| 13) Frankenberg (formerly two Bereitschaften)                             | 22) Muehlhausen                         |
| 14) Loebau (formerly two Bereitschaften)                                  | 23) Meiningen                           |
| 15) Zittau (formerly a VP School and Bereitschaft. Now only Bereitschaft) | 24) Weissenfels                         |

## 5. The VP Schools are now located as follows:

- |                                     |  |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| 1) Berlin (Polit-Kultur)            | 6) Primerwald ("C" School)               |
| 2) Gloewen                          | 7) Kietz ("B" School)                    |
| 3) Doebeln ("A" School)             | 8) Pirna (Signal School)                 |
| 4) Naumburg ("A" School)            | 9) Kochstedt (Advanced Officers' School) |
| 5) Erfurt (Petersberg) ("A" School) |  |

## 6. The special VP Schools are listed at the following locations:

- 1) Appollensdorf (Motor transport - Kraftfahrzeug)
- 2) Doberlug (Ordnance - Waffen)
- 3) Leipzig (Interpreter - Dolmetscher) (Later intended to move to Weimar, Holzdorf)
- 4) Potsdam (Advanced Polit-Kultur - Hoehere Polit-Kultur) located on Stalinallee. Also Kultur Ensemble.\*\*\*

## 7. Some of the known details of reorganization in the various schools and Bereitschaften are listed as follows:

a) The former Apolda VP School has been completely dissolved, and Walter Ulbricht has ordered the building to be returned to the chemical industry (VVB Thueringen).

b) The premises of the former 8 Brandenburg Unit at Treuenbrietzen will not be turned back to the DDR economy and will probably be used as a summer camp (Sommerlager), although a final decision may not be taken before the end of 1950.

c) The former 2 Thuringian Unit buildings at Langensalza are also to be retained, although the remnants of the unit itself have been transferred to Halle. The premises at Langensalza are to be extended and equipped to accommodate 1800 effectives by 21 March 1951.

d) The 2 Saxony-Anhalt Unit in Kirchmoser will also be retained as a Sonderkommando. It will probably be trained as a bridge construction unit (Brueckenkompanie) of 500 men, to be increased by approximately 100 by the end of 1950.

e) The 5 Brandenburg Unit in Kuechensee will be treated in exactly the same way as the unit in Kirchmoser. The Kuechensee Sonderkommando will be designated D 2.

f) The former Potsdam/Eiche Unit has been completely dissolved, and a school is to be opened there for trainees of the Ministry of State Security.

g) The former Pinnow Unit, which, [REDACTED] was scheduled for dissolution, is now to become a Sonderkommando. It is to have a T/O of 1800, but to date no details as to its nature are available.

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- h) The Gloewen VP School is to become a Bereitschaft with a strength of 1800 men.
- i) A new Bereitschaft of 1800 men is to be established in Halle. The majority of its personnel will be transferred from Langensalza, although other units will contribute effectives.
- j) The Bereitschaft in Suhl, originally scheduled for dissolution, has been joined with the Meiningen Unit to form one Bereitschaft.
- k) To date at Zeithain only one barrack, capable of accommodating 120 men, has been completed. Two further barracks are scheduled for completion by the end of 1950, and by 21 January 1951, 50 basic personnel from Pirna are to be stationed at Zeithain.
- l) By January 1951, the Sonnenstein Kaserne, Pirna, is to be given over to the Saxony Landesministerium. It will be replaced by the Grave Kaserne, which is to be rebuilt as a signal school.
- m) A new signal battalion of the HVA, 300 strong, and a new motor transport battalion of the HVA with a complement of 275 are to be stationed at Niederlehme (Koenigswusterhausen). The signal battalion is already located in the area, while the motor transport battalion, not as yet arrived, is still with the HVA. Construction at Niederlehme is not yet finished. To date the motor transport battalion (Kraftfahrzeugbataillon) consists of one passenger car (personnel carrier?) company with 90 vehicles and two truck companies, each with 54 vehicles.
- 8. A newly organized guard battalion is to be stationed in the quarters of the former Treptow Bereitschaft, in addition to the Polit-Kultur school already located there. The Central Uniform and Commissary Depot (Zentral Bekleidungs und Verpflegungslager) is to be moved from Berlin-Lichtenberg to either Leipzig, Lepczin or Bernau.
- 9. Each of the new Bereitschaften will be allocated its own number, e.g., 20/15 (illustration only). The numerical designations for all the Bereitschaften will be known only to the chiefs of the HVA Abteilungen, and the individual Bereitschaften commanders will know only the number of their own units. When material is sent to the units from the HVA, the secretary typing the address will leave a blank space for the number, which will be filled in by the chief of the Abteilung personally. The VP Schools may be addressed officially with their overt address, but all mail sent to individuals in the Bereitschaften will, in the future, be addressed to a post-office box number, e.g.,

Herrn Schulze  
 Bereitschaft Eggesin  
 Postschliessfach 43928 (illustration only)

Business firms, however, sending material to the Bereitschaften, will use the normal overt address. The new number system has already caused considerable confusion in HVA administrative quarters, and it is felt that the numbers themselves will in all probability leak out. For example, when orders are given to VPB 345/15 (illustration only) to collect 20 trucks from VPB 345/17 (illustration only), the former must call the HVA to learn the location of the latter unit, and the HVA is obliged to supply the information to the Bereitschaft initiating the query.

- 10. The Motor Transport Department (Abteilung Kraftfahrzeugwesen) of the HVA has now been separated from Hauptabteilung Intendantur. It is directly responsible to the Chief of Staff and is apparently in the process of obtaining the status of a Hauptabteilung, designed to become a motor transport battalion. The Motor Transport Department has been expanded and presently consists of 43 officers and three junior officers (Unterfuhrer).

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11. The following personnel changes are reported in the HVA:

- a) Chefinspekteur Bernhard Bechler has replaced Chefinspekteur Heinrich Heitsch as second deputy and Chief of Staff.
- b) Inspekteur Reihe has been named General Deputy (Allgemeiner Stellvertreter).
- c) Inspekteur Goeringer has replaced Inspekteur Engelbrecht.
- d) Inspekteur Moeller, not a member of the SED, has been dismissed and replaced by Inspekteur Reimann from Pirna
- e) A deputy, Inspekteur Miltenberger, has been assigned to Chefinspekteur von Weeseh of Hauptabteilung Polit-Kultur.
- f) Oberrat Buttner, until now in charge of the Uniform and Equipment Department (Abteilung Bekleidung und Ausruestung) is to take over the Organization and Planning Department (Abteilung Org-und Planung) of Hauptabteilung Intendantur, formerly under Inspekteur Hampel. It is presumed that Hampel will be placed in charge of the Uniform and Commissary Department (Abteilung Bekleidung und Verpflegung).
- g) Chefinspekteur Borufka, scheduled to receive training in the USSR, will be replaced by Inspekteur Jona, who will assume the duties of the former as chief of the Training Department (Abteilung Ausbildung).

12. One more officer with the rank of Inspekteur (name unknown) has joined General Inspekteur Kessler, Chefinspekteur Zorn and Inspekteur Alter in the formation of the HVL. It is estimated that the HVL will be fully organized by the end of Spring 1951. Berlin-Johannisthal and Halle are being readied with all possible speed.

13. Chefinspektoren Heinrich Heitsch, Helmut Borufka and Fritz Koehn have been selected to attend a course of instruction in the USSR. This course will probably begin in February 1951.

14. The present location of important personalities is given as follows:

- a) Paul Markgraf, former Berlin police president, has been named Inspekteur in command of the VPB Prenzlau.
- b) Former Chefinspekteur Stalmer of the Land Brandenburg police, son-in-law of Wilhelm Pieck, is currently an Inspekteur commanding the VPB Leipzig No. 1.
- c) Former General Inspekteur Walner of the HVdDVP is now Inspekteur in charge of the VPB Hohenstuecken.
- d) Former Chefinspekteur Rentsch, HVA, predecessor of Chefinspekteur Heinrich Heitsch, is at present an Inspekteur commanding VPB Frankenberg.
- e) Inspekteur Pilz commands the VPB Prora.
- f) Kommandeur Riegel now commands VPB Rostock. Kommandeur Kirchner, formerly assigned to the HVdDVP, is also with this unit, although his exact position is unknown.
- g) Inspekteur Thiele, previously at the Gloewen VP School, is in command of VPB Sternbuchholz.
- h) Kommandeur Kunath, formerly an Inspekteur in the HVdDVP, commands VPB Eggesin.

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- 25X1A \* [REDACTED] the new Bereitschaften should be considered training, not tactical units. No increase is contemplated in the over-all strength of the NVA, which remains [REDACTED] The year 1951 25X1A is to be devoted exclusively to training army cadre. The first three months will be given over to individual training. Squad training will begin 1 April.
- 25X1A \*\* [REDACTED] Comment: See attached chart, which shows some of the transfers. Two discrepancies between the list of the new Bereitschaften in the chart and on page one of the report should be noted. Pirna is given on the chart rather than Zeithain, and Zeithain rather than Meiningen.
- 25X1A \*\*\* [REDACTED] Comment: A second VP School located in Potsdam is listed, but the nature of the instruction given there has not as yet been determined.

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Inter-Unit Transfer of VP Personnel

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FROM

TO	GLOSSEN	ZITTAU	EGGESIN	FRIEDERWALD	PIRNA	TORGAU	PRENZLAU	NAUMBURG	DOEHELN	PRORA	ROSTOCK
PRORA	5	-	34	29	17	1	7	2	-	68	40
ROSTOCK	3	1	26	32	16	23	-	-	-	17	101
STERN BUCHHOLZ	4	2	16	27	19	1	24	1	1	17	72
EGGESIN	1	1	42	26	18	1	7	-	-	27	76
PRENZLAU	7	2	29	26	19	14	101	2	-	5	2
DURG	20	3	6	25	16	-	23	33	16	15	14
HOHENSTUECKEN	26	3	10	27	14	1	41	3	14	1	57
TORGAU	1	25	5	22	22	12	29	15	27	11	23
KOCHSTEDT	7	17	9	24	17	32	1	62	12	4	23
QUEDLINBURG	20	5	7	26	22	1	1	10	8	2	33
GROSSENAHN	8	21	6	25	21	-	29	52	27	-	4
PIRNA	4	10	24	26	27	-	39	12	29	4	12
FRANKENBERG	9	25	-	27	19	-	3	6	46	23	28
LOEBAU	1	24	5	28	21	27	2	-	64	10	29
ZITTAU	-	52	-	20	21	34	36	1	63	2	3

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TO	GLOEWE	ZITTAU	EGGFSTN	PRIETTERWALD	PIRNA	TORGAU	PRENZLAU	NAUMBURG	DOEBELN	PRORA	ROSTOCK
LEIPZIG I	-	26	1	26	20	32	15	1	42	24	25
LEIPZIG II	-	30	-	26	21	26	20	1	51	26	12
HALLE	20	8	8	30	20	1	20	48	8	21	5
GERA	5	-	4	20	15	30	26	26	5	31	?
ERFURT	8	20	1	27	20	2	26	34	2	37	?
GOTHA	18	7	11	26	19	1	5	48	4	14	33
MUEHLHAUSEN	-	7	2	27	17	19	42	40	1	2	6
ZETHAIN	12	22	-	28	24	-	1	28	43	32	3
WEISSENFELS	10	11	8	27	20	36	32	64	2	8	9

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